

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1216 - SB 1287

March 18, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Increases, from 15 to 30 days, the period of time for a supervising physician to submit an explanation to the Department of Health (DOH) justifying the amounts of controlled substances prescribed and demonstrate that these amounts were medically necessary for the patients treated and that the supervising physician reviewed and approved the prescribing amounts of advanced practice nurses and physician assistants who appear in the top 50 prescribers of controlled substances.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004088): Requires the top ten prescribers of controlled substances in all of the counties combined having a population of less than 50,000 according to the 2010 federal census to submit an explanation to the Department of Health (DOH) justifying the amounts of controlled substances prescribed and demonstrate that these amounts were medically necessary for the patients treated and that the supervising physician reviewed and approved the prescribing amounts of advanced practice nurses and physician assistants. Currently this requirement is limited to the top fifty prescribers of controlled substances in the state.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Requiring additional prescribers of controlled substances to provide explanations regarding the prescribing of controlled substances will have no significant impact on the oversight or regulatory actions of DOH.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Handwritten signature of Jeffrey A. Spalding in black ink.

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Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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